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### **Blackwood role**

A FORMER head of corporate relationship banking at Bank of Scotland is to join Shetland's Blackwood Distillers as a non-executive director. Brian Johnston, who was also based in Aberdeen with the bank in the 1990s, takes up his new role on November 1. He will work with Blackwood chief executive Caroline Whitfield and finance director Joanna Dennis to build the business, which has its own range of spirits and has plans to build a distillery in Shetland. Ms Whitfield said: "Brian's financial background will prove a real asset for us, our investors and our trading partners." Mr Johnston said he had been tracking Blackwood over the past four years, adding: "They are innovative across the board from creating strong Scottish brands to sourcing funding to develop their projects."